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# *Data Developments*

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**County Business Patterns, Metropolitan Business Patterns Diskette** *[machine-readable data file] / prepared by the Bureau of the Census. --Washington: The Bureau [producer and distributor], 1998.*

## Type of File

Summary statistics.

## Universe Description

Most of the nation's economic activity is covered in the series. Data are **excluded** for self-employed persons, domestic service workers, railroad employees, agricultural production workers, most government employees, and employees on ocean-borne vessels or in foreign countries. The file **excludes** governmental establishments **except for** liquor stores (Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code 592), wholesale liquor establishments (SIC 518), depository institutions (SIC 60), federal and federally-sponsored credit agencies (SIC 611), and hospitals (SIC 806).

## Subject-Matter Description

This file provides data on total number of establishments, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and number of establishments by nine employment size classes. Establishment counts represent the number of locations with paid employees anytime during the year. Mid-march employment consists of full and part time employees who are on the payroll in the period including March 12. Payrolls include all form of compensation and are shown in thousands of dollars.

## Industry Coverage

Data are provided by major group, which is represented by the first two digits of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code, in the following economic divisions: agricultural services, forestry, and fishing; mining; construction; manufacturing; transportation and public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services. Data are tabulated by major industry group as defined in the *Standard Industrial Classification Manual: 1987*.

## Geographic Coverage

For states outside New England, data are provided for Metropolitan Statistical Areas as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. For New England states data are provided by New England Census Metropolitan Areas as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Attachment 5 provides details on metropolitan area definitions.

## Technical Description

**File Medium:** 3-1/2 inch diskette.

**File Structure:** Variable length record; comma-delimited format.

**File Size:** Each record has 16 data fields, separated by comma (,) delimiters.

**File Sort Sequence:** Metropolitan Statistical Area code by major group (2-digit SIC code).

## Reference Materials

*County Business Patterns, Metropolitan Business Patterns Diskette Technical Documentation.* The documentation contains this abstract, other information about the file, and a data dictionary. One copy accompanies any file order. When ordered separately, it is available from Customer Services Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233. Telephone: 301-457-4100.

## Related Data

Similar data are available by county and ZIP code as part of the County Business Patterns data series. These data are available in printed reports, computer tapes and diskettes, and CD-ROM. For ordering information, contact Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233. Telephone: 301-457-4100. These reports also are available on the Census Bureau's Internet site at <http://www.census.gov>

## File Availability

Files for 1988-1995 are available individually, by year, on 3-1/2 inch flexible diskette in IBM PC high-density format. Also, the complete set of 1988-1995 files are available on CD-ROM.